

CCOPS FOCUS

1. COMMUNITY & COMMITTEE EDUCATION & INVOLVEMENT

- **Help organize** a 2 day pipeline safety conference focusing on basic pipeline safety education and emerging issues in Washington State – Co-sponsored by the CCOPS and the Pipeline Safety Trust – The Committee would be responsible for the agenda The Pipeline Safety Trust would handle logistics. This could serve as the basic training for committee members and potential members, as well as including interested people from around the state.
- **Review** the CCOPS, WUTC Pipeline Safety, and Dept. of Ecology Spill Prevention websites at least once each year to ensure they are up to date and provide interested individuals in Washington State adequate information about how to obtain pipeline safety information they may be interested in.
- Committee members responsible for **identifying and collecting** information and contacts regarding pipeline safety issues in each of their regions of the state. Information would be shared with the CCOPS to determine what actions the committee might want to take.

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- **Planning Near Pipelines** – The CCOPS is a co-sponsor of a statewide grant to increase the understanding of issues associated with local government planning near transmission pipelines. The Committee should **get regular updates** on how this effort is proceeding. Committee members should **contact their local planning departments or planning commissions** and see if they can help facilitate involvement by these groups in this initiative.

2. PIPELINE SAFETY OVERSIGHT

- **Receive regular updates** from the WUTC to include at a minimum:
 - All incidents or near misses that have occurred and the WUTC's response
 - Any policy changes proposed or desired
 - PHMSA's annual audit of the agency
 - Yearly review of the agency's inspection program
- **Receive regular updates** from the Department of Ecology on their spill prevention program – plans drafted or amended, drills that have taken place, changes proposed.
- **Request regular updates** from the major pipeline companies in the state (Williams, Olympic, TransCanada, PSE, Avista, Northwest Natural, Cascade, Conoco-Phillips, Chevron, Kinder Morgan) regarding their integrity management activities, any expansions to their systems, and issues they see needing to be addressed.

- **Receive regular updates** regarding proposed federal rule makings, or other federal legislation, that could affect pipeline safety in Washington State.
- **Draft advisory comments** when necessary on any of the above.

3. **COMMITTEE POLICY INITIATIVES**

- Each year the Committee will **identify 1-2 initiatives** they want to try to have an impact on over the course of the year.

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- **Improving Washington State's Damage Prevention Program** – The WUTC has formed an ad hoc committee to try to rewrite the state's damage prevention regulations. A number of CCOPS members **regularly attend these meetings**. The CCOPS should **receive regular updates** on this ad hoc committee's efforts and agreements, and work to ensure any concerns the CCOPS has are incorporated into its rewrite. CCOPS should also **provide support** if the final product does incorporate all our concerns or advise the legislature regarding the rewrite if we have concerns not addressed.